

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS OF IOWA, INC.	DOCKET NO. RPU-99-4
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ORDER CANCELING EVIDENTIARY HEARING

(Issued April 10, 2000)

The Utilities Board (Board) initiated this proceeding on December 29, 1999, in order to review Frontier Communications of Iowa, Inc.'s (Frontier) operation under its price regulation plan, pursuant to Iowa Code § 476.97(9).

In its December 29, 1999, order, the Board scheduled an evidentiary hearing for April 12, 2000. As the rebuttal testimony of Frontier witness Hegdal indicates, the direct testimony of Gregory Vitale, filed on behalf of the Consumer Advocate Division of the Department of Justice (Consumer Advocate) raises no issues related to service quality, prices, or the overall operation of the price regulation plan of Frontier.

The Consumer Advocate's testimony raises the issue of the productivity measure. This is not an issue specific to the Frontier price regulation plan. As a general issue applicable to all local exchange companies under price regulation in Iowa, it would be a waste of the Boards resources to address the issue in this docket. Frontier has requested that the Board cancel the hearing and close this review proceeding.

The Board will cancel the evidentiary hearing, but will not rule on the request to close the proceeding at this time. The Consumer Advocate is directed to file a response to the request by Frontier that this proceeding be closed. Such response should be filed no later than April 17, 2000.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The evidentiary hearing scheduled for April 12, 2000 is canceled.
2. The Consumer Advocate is directed to file a response to the request by Frontier that this proceeding be closed. Such response should be filed no later than April 17, 2000.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

ATTEST:

/s/ Raymond K. Vawter, Jr.
Executive Secretary

/s/ Diane Munns

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 10th day of April, 2000.